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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY
PHARMACISTS AND MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AND THE LISTING OF
CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-633 of the 2016 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) Any person licensed as a pharmacist under part II of this chapter
5 may administer [.] (1) to an adult, any vaccine [.] approved by the
6 United States Food and Drug Administration that is listed on the
7 National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Adult
8 Immunization Schedule; [.] and (2) to any person under the age of
9 eighteen, influenza vaccine approved by the United States Food and
10 Drug Administration, provided the administration of any such vaccine
11 is conducted pursuant to the order of a licensed health care provider
12 and in accordance with the regulations established pursuant to
13 subsection (b) of this section.

14 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection, in consultation with
15 the Commissioner of Public Health and the Commission of Pharmacy,
16 shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter
17 54, to implement the provisions of this section. Such regulations shall
18 (1) require any pharmacist who administers a vaccine [to an adult]
19 pursuant to this section to successfully complete an immunization
20 training program for pharmacists; (2) define the basic requirements of
21 such training program, which shall include training and instruction in
22 pre-administration education and screening, vaccine storage and
23 handling, subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, recordkeeping,
24 vaccine safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic cardiac life
25 support and adverse event reporting; (3) identify qualifying training
26 programs, which are accredited by the National Centers for Disease
27 Control Prevention, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education
28 or other appropriate national accrediting body; and (4) establish a
29 system of control and reporting.

30 (c) For purposes of this section, "adult" means an individual who
31 has attained the age of eighteen years.

32 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) For purposes of this
33 section:

34 (1) "Direct supervision" means a licensed supervising physician,
35 physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse is physically
36 present in the location where the medical assistant is administering a
37 vaccine; and

38 (2) "Medical assistant" means a person who (A) is certified by the
39 American Association of Medical Assistants, the American Medical
40 Technologists, the National Center for Competency Testing or other
41 certification organizations accredited by the National Commission for
42 Certifying Agencies, and (B) has graduated from a postsecondary
43 medical assisting program accredited by the Commission on
44 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the Accrediting

45 Bureau of Health Education Schools, the Accrediting Council for
46 Independent Colleges and Schools or the Accrediting Commission of
47 Career Schools and Colleges.

48 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine under the direct
49 supervision, control and responsibility of a physician licensed
50 pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes or an advanced practice
51 registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the general
52 statutes, or under the direct supervision of a physician assistant
53 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes. Any vaccine
54 administered by a medical assistant under this section may only be
55 administered at an outpatient clinic, a federally qualified health center
56 or the office of the supervising physician, physician assistant or
57 advanced practice registered nurse.

58 (c) No medical assistant may administer a vaccine until such time as
59 the supervising physician, advanced practice registered nurse or
60 physician assistant provides training and written instructions to such
61 medical assistant regarding the administration of vaccines.

62 Sec. 3. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed and the
63 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

64 On or before January 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
65 Commissioner of Public Health shall obtain from the American
66 Association of Medical Assistants, the American Medical Technologists
67 and the National Center for Competency Testing, a listing of all state
68 residents maintained on said [organization's registry] organizations'
69 registries of certified medical assistants. The commissioner shall make
70 such listing available for public inspection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	20-633
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	New section

Sec. 3	October 1, 2016	19a-6f
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Statement of Purpose:

To (1) allow (A) pharmacists to administer the influenza vaccine to children, and (B) medical assistants to administer vaccines; and (2) require the Commissioner of Public Health to make available for public inspection a listing of all state residents maintained on the registries of the American Medical Technologists and the National Center for Competency Testing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]